

AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 2, 2017

Attending: Peggy Albertson, Barbara Christofferson, Eula Hickam, Kathy Cousins, Janet Callen, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Darlene Carlton, Dick Cripe, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p. m.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Check distributions: KEA, \$100.00, donation for Earth Day event booth, Allegra, \$44.77, printing, Eula Hickam, \$133.92 for speaker expenses, Lynn Sheridan, \$82.50 for Garage Sale advertisement. Lutheran Church of the Master, \$250.00 yearly donation for use of facility.
Income: Donation for Roland memorial, \$30.00, Dues and membership, \$80.00, Interest, \$.13. Ending balance is \$3,933.79.

OLD BUSINESS

Programs; Eula is working with Spokane Audubon to have Kate Davis from Raptors of the Rockies speak at one of next years' programs. The two chapters would share speaker expenses, but have separate presentations.

Education; Barbara will present a bird identification class at the Borah Elementary School on May 16. She will then accompany the students on a field trip to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge on May 18. Eula and George have volunteered to assist Barbara on the field trip.

Garage Sale: Janet will call members who have volunteered to work at the Garage Sale on May 6th. She has contacted a local charity, New Beginnings to pick up leftover items.

Strategic Annual Plan: *Conservation;* Kathy has located an Eagle Scout, Patrick Taylor, that will design Catio's to Kathy's suggestions. After he has completed the plans and they have been approved by the board, Kathy will have a Boy Scout group build the Catio's. Kathy will test one in her yard before they are distributed.

Derek is in the selection process of native plants suitable for this area, the plant names will be announced next fiscal year.

International Migratory Bird Day: No expenses from CDA Audubon needed at this time.

National Audubon Convention: Barbara and Wayne Christofferson are attending the National Convention in Park City in July. They are only using one registration fee paid for by the chapter. Midge will inquire at the general meeting if there is anyone interested in using the second one.

Updates: There has been no response from Kara Fellows regarding a request from ALK Sources to have an Audubon chapter member lead a field trip for their visiting colleagues. The Lutheran Church of the Master was paid \$250.00 on May 2nd for the use of the facility. Barbara wrote an article for the CDA Press regarding the local participation of classrooms in Audubon Adventures. She will forward it to Midge for submission.

Janet announced the Idaho Fish & Game "Adopt a Wetland" sign that was stolen at Mica Bay has been replaced.

Midge will announce at the general meeting if anyone is interested in participating in an

international bird count on Global Big Day on May 13th. Our chapter has not participated in the past in international bird counts, but the data on the monthly Mica Bay surveys are entered in eBird. Peggy suggested a chapter program for next year on how to use eBird. Eula has booked City Park for the annual chapter picnic on June 13th. She will have Shirley send out a reminder notice. Dick will preside in Midge's absence.

NEW BUSINESS

Roland Craft Memorial: After discussing several options for Roland's memorial, (a tree planting, a plaque on Mica Bay platform, a plaque on a house on the Bluebird Trail on Bunco Road), Dick made a motion to have a plaque on a bird house on an Audubon sign at Mica Bay by the boat launch area and the Adopt a Wetland sign. Peggy seconded and the motion passed. Janet will take photos of sign for size of house. Midge will announce the memorial at the general meeting. Dick reported he is planning a high altitude hike this summer in Roland's memory.

Idaho Birding Trail: Deniz Aygen, Watchable Wildlife, Idaho Fish & Game has advised the Idaho Birding Trail booklet is being updated and streamlined from the 2005 version. He is requesting volunteers to ground-truth the trails, that is confirming the trail's existence, directions and amenities are correct. Also, if anyone wishes to recommend a favorite birding site to be added to the trail. Participants must sign up on-line for each trail so there are no duplications. Midge will e-mail the information and forms to Shirley, Lisa and Kris.

Board Members: The following members have volunteered to preside on the 2017-2018 board: Midge Marcy-Brennan, President, Dick Cripe, Vice-President, Valerie Zagar, Secretary, Janet Callen, Treasurer, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Conservation, Barbara Christofferson, Education, Eula Hickam, Program Contact, Darlene Carlton, Kathy Cousins, Members at-large. Peggy Albertson has resigned from the board, but will continue with Membership duties. A Field Trip Leader is needed as Janet Callen has resigned.

May Program: Rae Charlton of the Bonner County History Museum in Sandpoint will present a program on the history and native plants of the arboretum surrounding the grounds of the museum.

Announcements: Upcoming field trips; Boundary County, May 11-13, Gray's Lake, May 30-June 3, Century Count -Shoshone County, June 10. International Migratory Bird Day, road pick-up seed project, available registration fee for the National Audubon Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar